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CHAPTER 01

**IDAPA 23 - BOARD OF NURSING**

**23.01.01 - RULES OF THE IDAHO BOARD OF NURSING**

**402. LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE FUNCTIONING IN SPECIALITY AREAS.**

**01.** A licensed registered nurse may carry out functions beyond the basic educational preparation described in Sections 600 through 681 of these rules under certain conditions. (7-1-96)( )

**042.** **Conditions for Licensed Registered Nurses Functioning in Specialty Practice Areas.** A licensed registered nurse may carry out functions ~~beyond the educational preparation described in Sections 600 through 681 of these rules~~ defined within parameters of a nursing specialty that meets criteria approved by the American Board of Nursing Specialties (ABNS) or the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) of the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) when the nurse: (3-30-07)( )

a. ~~In addition to~~ Can document successful completion of ~~the curriculum requirements~~ additional education through an organized program of study including supervised clinical experience or equivalent demonstrated competence consistent with provisions of Sections ~~600 through 681~~ 400 of these rules, ~~has completed any specific education, training, and supervised practice as may be required in the Nursing Practice Act or rules;~~ (3-30-07)( )

b. Conforms to recognized nursing specialty practice parameters, characteristics and standards for practice of the specialty; and (5-3-03)( )

c. Follows written protocols approved by ~~medical staff, nursing administration, and~~ the employing agency administration. (5-3-03)( )

**02. ~~Recognized Specialty Practice Areas.~~ Additional education, training, and practice:** (5-3-03)

**a. ~~Flight/Transport Nurse.~~** ~~A flight/transport nurse is a licensed registered nurse who provides critical care services with a duly licensed transporting agency.~~ (5-3-03)

i. ~~Basic qualifications include at least two (2) years (four thousand (4,000) hours) of critical care nursing experience in the specialty area pertinent to the type of service being provided.~~ (5-3-03)

ii. ~~Licensed registered nurses who regularly provide care in the pre-hospital setting must maintain emergency medical technician credentialing.~~ (5-3-03)

iii. ~~Individual educational requirements commensurate with the specialty care being provided may include, but are not limited to: Neonatal Resuscitation Program ("NRP"), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum (TNCC) or Flight Nurse Advanced Trauma Course (FNATC) and radio communications.~~ (5-3-03)

iv. ~~Flight nurses must also have course work in flight physiology, aircraft safety and survival.~~(5-3-03)

v. ~~A flight/transport nurse must have received a minimum of forty (40) hours of supervised clinical experience before functioning independently.~~ (5-3-03)

~~**b-**        *Surgical First Assistants. A surgical first assistant is a licensed registered nurse who, under direct supervision, assists the operating surgeon.* (5-3-03)~~

~~**i-**        *Nurses acting as surgical first assistants may not concurrently serve as scrub or instrument nurses.* (5-3-03)~~

~~**ii-**       *A licensed registered nurse surgical first assistant in cardiovascular surgery may harvest saphenous veins after completing additional educational instruction acceptable to the Board and supervised practice under direct supervision of the operating physician.* (5-3-03)~~